

Trial begins in child's death

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Almost three years after the death of 2-year-old Naomi Whitecrow, the woman accused of causing her death will face a jury and a judge.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011 Amy Holder, the accused, arrived at the Logan County Courthouse in Guthrie, Okla. with her team of attorneys by her side.

Naomi is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and was first placed into the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OK-DHS) custody, along with her little brother, Johnny, in February 2008.

Both children were placed with foster parent, Alicia Taylor, until July 2008 when a reunification plan to reunite the children with their biological mother, within a supervised facility, was enacted. The reunification attempt was unsuccessful.

Taylor testified that despite her pleadings to DHS to return both children to her home, Johnny and Naomi were separated and Naomi was placed in the home of Holder on Sept. 12, 2008. Four months later Naomi was pronounced dead on Jan. 20, 2009.

Nearly a year after Naomi's death Holder was arrested for felony child abuse following the release of Naomi's autopsy findings.

The Oklahoma state medical examiner's office had found recent scrapes and bruises on Naomi's face, chest, back, legs, right buttock and head, as well as old and new scabs. They spent six months trying to determine Naomi's cause of death and ultimately concluded she died "under suspicious circumstances" however ruled the cause of death as "undetermined." The Oklahoma State Bureau of Inves-

tigations (OSBI) forwarded the autopsy documents, videos and photographs to a nationally known Indiana pathologist, Dr. Dean A. Hawley, who reported Naomi had died of blunt-force injury to the head, abdomen and extremities. Hawley is the pathologist who examined the exhumed body of 2-year-old Kelsey Smith Briggs in a highly publicized child abuse case in 2005.

Several prosecution witnesses were scheduled to testify during the first week of the trial, including, Alicia Taylor, OSBI agent, Linda Stevens, Rockie Lee Holder (the accused's daughter), DHS caseworker, Lashelle Humphreys and Hawley.

If convicted Holder could face up to life in prison. Holder has been free on \$100,000 bail since her arrest in 2010.



Naomi Whitecrow a few months prior to her death Jan. 20, 2009. Photo was taken while in the care of Alicia Taylor, Whitecrow's first foster mother.

Life's Journeys

A journey not a destiny

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in Chief

Sitting at a picnic table, Toni Hawk speaks softly about the journey she has traveled in her life thus far. Part of her journey on that day was traveling from California to Oklahoma to attend the 67th annual Colony Labor Day powwow.

"I am honored to have been asked to be the Head Lady dancer at this year's powwow. It's been a few years since I've been back and it's good to be home," Hawk said.

Francis "Toni" All Runner-Hawk was born Sept. 21, 1936 in the home of her parents, Jack and Emily All Runner in Thomas, Okla. She is the twin sister of Fred All Runner, whom she refers to as the "younger brother by a couple of minutes."

"I am the

older of the two of us since Fred was born a couple of minutes after me," Toni laughed. "There were seven children born to our mother, two daughters, we did not know because they went to the spirit world, my oldest brother Lionel, who became a chief after my grandfather, Chief Jacob All Runner, passed on to the spirit world, Eva, my oldest sister, who is also passed and my baby sister, Mary All Runner. I also had an adopted sister, Louise All Runner, but she too has passed into the spirit world. My two brothers were in the service, Fred who served in two branches, the Army and Air Force, but now there are just three of us remaining, my twin brother Fred, myself and my baby sister Mary."

She said as far back as she can remember her family has always spoken in the Cheyenne language and she continues to speak her Cheyenne language fluently today.

"My siblings and I spoke the Cheyenne language since we were very young, from the time we were born our parents and my grandfather, Chief Jacob All Runner and my grandmother, Eleanor, Sage Woman, all taught us the Cheyenne language and we spoke it everyday," Toni said. "My grandparents didn't speak English, they spoke only in sign language ... I remember they grew a huge garden. I remember my grandfather Chief Jacob All Runner used to summon the other chiefs for a meeting and he would use a mirror and shine it to two houses there in Thomas ... the Lone Bear house and Felix Hawk's, who lived not far from his house. I would see Amos walking swiftly to my grandfather's house after being summoned and other times they would sit in a circle in the front room of his house and all talk in the Cheyenne language."

In her own words Toni sat back and retraced the steps of her life saying, "This is my life's journey from as far back as I can remember ... I grew up on a farm in Thomas, my father, Jack, worked for the Ford Motor Company as a mechanic and my mother, Emily, stayed at home raising the kids and a garden. I remember she raised chickens and she would keep a kerosene lamp in their chicken house to keep them warm and one morning she checked on them and the chickens were all black ... the flame had blown out and I guess the wick was smoking and those chickens were black. I also remember we kids would go up the hill to our grandparents farm and pick watermelons or fruit and our grandmother, Sage Woman, would run out of the house and chase us with a broom because we weren't supposed to be in the garden.

In Thomas we would go visit our other grandma, Minnie Wilson, and she would go to the creek and look for soft shell turtles and would boil them and all of us children would sit in a circle and eat the meal and we would all want the eggs. My mother was known for looking for hard shell turtles and we kids would go along and carry the "gunny" sack and we'd throw the turtles in there. In the evening she would cook them over the fire outside and we'd have a feast eating the meal and drinking turtle soup.

There was a tornado, which came through Thomas and took two Indian homes, the Lone Bear house and the White-tail house, which the city rebuilt. I remember everyone from my grandfather's house came to our cellar and the men had to hold down the door with the ropes and chains so the doors wouldn't fly off ... today I am still very afraid of the storms in Oklahoma. There was the time my father made a big board sled to go to town to buy groceries when we were all snowed in one winter.

In Thomas between our house and



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Toni Hawk was the Head Lady dancer during the 67th annual Colony Labor Day powwow in Colony, Okla.

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Queen for a day

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Left: El Reno High School Homecoming Queen, Emily Wilson, escorted by Trever Bonhoss. Center: Emily Wilson during the annual homecoming parade in El Reno, Okla. Right: Emily Wilson with her sister, Rachel Wilson, 7th grade homecoming court attendant.

Football homecoming is a tradition throughout Indian country. It is when the high school football players anticipate the big game and the girls anticipate the announcement of the annual football homecoming queen.

El Reno High School (ERHS) announced their 2011-12-homecoming queen, Emily Wilson, Hexovona’e (Shell Woman), Cheyenne and Arapaho, on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011. Emily is a senior at ERHS and also a member of the varsity softball team playing first base. She is the daughter of Woody and Julie Wilson, granddaughter of Robert and Yvonne Wilson, Heidi Keller and Lanny and Donna Keller. Her younger sister, Rachel, Ma’heona’e (Holy Woman) was chosen as the 7th grade homecoming court attendant.

“I was very surprised when they called my name ... we are all really close friends and it just shocked me,” Emily said. “All the other girls were very happy for me as I would be for them because, like I said, we are all

really good friends.”

ERHS teacher and homecoming coordinator, Greta Halley, said the football players nominate the homecoming queen candidates and attendants. When choosing, the team is instructed to consider young ladies who support the team by attending or otherwise participates in the games, have good character, high moral standards and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the team and the school.

“I am so happy for Emily and all the girls that were nominated this year. They are all very sweet, hard-working young ladies and deserving of the honor of being nominated for homecoming court and they all happen to be good friends. It was a pleasure to work with them this year,” Halley said. “Every member of the court is required to be in academic good standing throughout the process. Five senior girls are nominated for queen and one girl each from grades 7-11 is selected to be an

attendant.”

She said the student body votes on the five senior queen candidates to elect the queen. The queen is announced during the coronation ceremony at the football game and although here isn’t a rule against campaigning, “there isn’t really any campaigning that goes on ... the entire student body votes for whoever they would like to see represent the school as homecoming queen.”

The five queen candidates included seniors Whitlee Henricksen, Erin Wiewel, Rachel Hudson, Haley Hill and Emily Wilson. The homecoming court attendants included Rachel Wilson, 7th grade, Elizabeth Jensen, 8th grade, Peyton Archer, 9th grade, Mary Owen, 10th grade and Bethany Mullinax, 11th grade.

“I plan on attending Redlands Community College next year to obtain an associate’s degree in nursing,” Emily said. “From there I will pursue a bachelor’s in nursing.”

Art exhibit envelopes Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Edgar Heap of Birds opens art exhibit with a presentation of his work in Colorado and abroad.

The Circular Movement in Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture art exhibit open on Sept. 12, 2011 at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla. Internationally renowned artist, Edgar Heap of Birds, is the artist behind the Circular Movement piece.

“The sculpture itself is a 50 foot circle much like the wheel in Wyoming. The land where it sits was actually part of the Ft. Laramie Treaty. The Ft. Laramie Treaty was the first treaty the Cheyenne’s had with the U.S.A. and the U.S.A. reneged on that treaty. We have moved across this country basically from

Montana all the way until Oklahoma,” Heap of Birds said. “The land we should have had was Denver, Colo. and we had that land somewhere in the 1860s. What I did with this piece is reclaim that land in Colorado ... I have a 100-year contract to hold this circle in Denver, Colo. It is in writing, so we can actually can go back and say this is Cheyenne territory.”

Heap of Birds is a professor at the University of Oklahoma (OU) and has been exhibiting art since 1979. He is known internationally for his art in public spaces that bear witness to the invisible histories that are linked to such places, particularly histories regarding Indian people.

In 2007 Heap of Birds was invited by the National Museum of the American Indian to participate in the Venice Biennale project. His project, Most Serene Republics, was located throughout Venice and honored the warriors who were coerced into performing in Buffalo Bill’s

Wild West show. He specifically brings awareness for the Native Americans who died in Europe while the show was touring. He has also been instrumental in the process of returning the remains of Native Americans back to the United States for burial.

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Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann, Connie Yellowman and Cheyenne Chief, Gordon Yellowman also gave lectures and presentations.

The exhibit is on display through Oct. 6 inside the art gallery building located on the SWOSU campus.



Courtesy photo
Edgar Heap of Bird’s 50 foot circle sculpture is located on land in Denver, Colo. once belonging to the Cheyenne tribe.

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Tribe and state team up to stop abuse of Indian foster children

When Denise Yarmal Altvater talks about the abuse she and others suffered as Indian children in foster care in Maine, the stories are so painful to hear that it is impossible to imagine how those little girls lived through it.

On May 24, Altvater, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik (Pleasant Point, Maine) and of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission, participated in a public ceremony at the Penobscot Indian Nation’s Sockalexis Bingo Palace on Indian Island to launch a Truth and Reconciliation process that will help heal her and others like her who endured the same awful separation from their families and communities and the brutality of a government child-welfare system whose negligence was horrifying.

At that ceremony, chiefs of the Wabanaki nations, Maine Gov. Paul LePage and Altvater signed a Declaration of Intent to Create a Maine/Wabanaki Truth and Reconciliation Process that will heal the past and create the best possible child-welfare system for Wabanaki children. A truth and reconciliation commission (TRC) will be convened as part of the process.

(Wabanaki means “the people of the dawn” or “first light.” The Wabanaki nations are the Houlton Band of Maliseets, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Indian Nation at Indian Island.)

TRCs have been established in various places around the world, most notably in South Africa, where it dealt with the violence and human rights abuses under the apartheid system. TRCs are an alternative to the criminal-justice system—the idea behind them is restorative justice, which considers crime or wrongdoing to be an offense against an individual or community rather than the state and seeks to repair the harm through cooperative processes that include all the parties involved.

Maine’s policy regarding Indians was to assimilate them into the dominant society, a process that has its roots

in the federal boarding-school program defined by the slogan, “Kill the Indian to save the man.” In Maine, Native children were removed from their homes and tribes almost 20 times more frequently than other children placed in foster care. During the past century across the country, some children were put up for adoption, others were sent to boarding schools where a number died from neglect and abuse, and still others were placed in foster care. The truth and reconciliation process will



encourage Wabanaki people to come forward and share their childhood stories of abuse and neglect. The idea is to work—through acknowledgement of the wrongdoings—toward healing and reconciliation, reparations and institutional reform to ensure that the abuse and neglect never happen again. The TRC may include public testimony from the victims, comprehensive reports by the commission and policy recommendations.

When she was 8 years old, Altvater, who is now 52, and five sisters were re-

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moved from their Sipayik home where they were being raised by a single mother and placed in foster care with a non-tribal family in Old Town near Indian Island. Two of her sisters were older than she and three were younger. The oldest was 11 at the time, and the youngest around 3 years old.

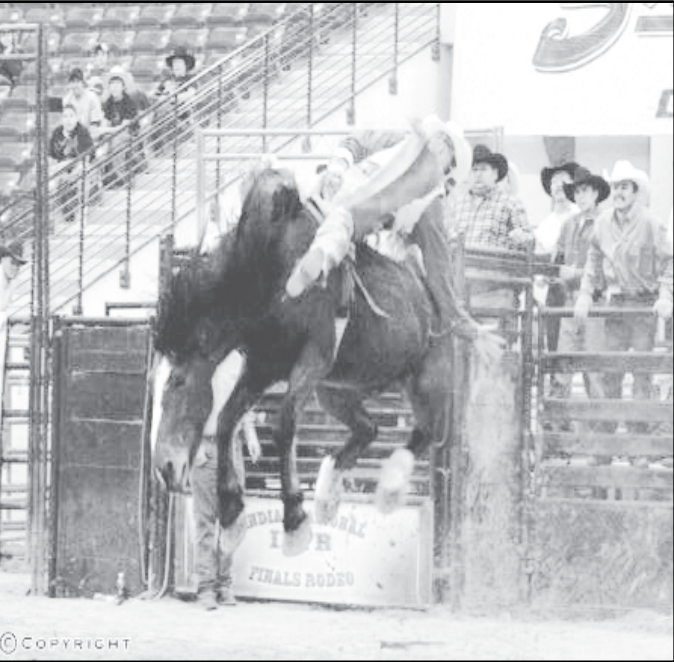
The decades-old memories are blurred around the edges, but Altvater remembers the day they were taken. “They showed up with big station wagons and they came in and took all our clothes in big garbage bags and put us in the station wagons and drove away ... they were state workers,” Altvater says, adding that no one had told them they were going to be taken away from their home. “I don’t even remember if my mother was there. Nobody said anything the entire ride. Nobody talked to us. When we were little on Pleasant Point we didn’t have any cars. We were surrounded on three sides by water. We didn’t have TV or running water or bathrooms back then. We were very isolated so when they took us it was terrifying. We didn’t even know the road went that far and they just kept driving and driving and driving till they got us to this great big house in Old Town.”

In foster care, she was repeatedly abused, Altvater says. No charges were ever brought against the couple that abused her. “In this [truth and reconciliation] process I’ve always used my maiden name, Yarmal, because I think my two [deceased] sisters need to be remembered, and had we not gone through what we did, they would be alive today,” says Altvater. When Altvater joined the working group she says she was filled with mistrust, anger and fear. “I came as an adult with childhood memories of all the torture and abuse I suffered as a young child, as a little girl.”

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Indian National Finals Rodeo

By Eliz Crane



The South Point Arena and Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, Nev. is the host for the 36th annual Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) Nov. 8-12, 2011.

Native American Indian cowboys and cowgirls represent over 100 different tribal Nations in Canada and the U.S. These are the best professionals you’ll find representing their respective families, communities, tribes and states.

A total of 286 contestants will compete in eight events. The events include bareback riding, bull riding, saddle

bronco riding, ladies break away roping, tie down roping, barrel racing, team roping and steer wrestling.

This is the second annual rodeo for junior and senior categories and will showcase Native American cowgirls and boys. The junior and senior events will include junior barrel racing, junior steer riding, junior breakaway roping, senior breakaway roping and team roping.

Joe Beaver, the eight time PRCA World Champion Cowboy came on board last year as the INFR commentator and would personally like to encourage everyone to “come on out to the finals.”

Don Gay, eight-time PRCA World Champion Bull-rider said he is thrilled to be coming on board as a commentator this year.

The INFR Hall of Fame is being launched on Saturday, Nov. 12 with it’s first induction and ceremony. The event will be during the INFR Championship round. Inductees will include the commissioners of the INFR and the original founders, Fred Gladstone, Bob Arrington, Dean Jackson, Mel Sampson, Pete Frederics and Jay Harwood.

The new INFR World Championship Cowboys and Cowgirls will be crowned along with the 2011 INFR Tour Rodeo Champions and the 2011 Horse of the Year.

The INFR Junior and Senior Rodeo will start Nov. 8 with performances at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The INFR rodeo begins on Nov. 9-12 with performances at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information on the INFR please visit www.infr.org.

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A journey

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Toni All Runner-Hawk in 1957.

my grandpa’s house we made a ball field where we played all the time. I met an Indian lady at Concho during Labor Day weekend and after we introduced ourselves, she said she had played ball at our field before. She knew my aunts Alice, Gish, Minnie and Jessie, mainly Alice. I do believe we had a great ball team and we loved playing but I don’t think we won many games ... we just loved the sport.

When I first came to California I started the girl’s softball team, and then everyone caught on. The men had already been playing back then, but our first coach was Clinton YoungBear. I remember when Della French, my cousin, came out to visit me in California I made her a catcher.

I graduated from Thomas High School in 1955. My favorite subjects were typing and shorthand and I had the highest typing skills. I actually competed in a couple of typing contests, one at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and one in town ... we had those old typewriters with the handles on them.

Growing up, my dad was a Mennonite preacher back then and he translated the sermons our preacher, John Heap of Birds, preached in the Cheyenne language. One time we girls were sitting in a car at the church putting lipstick on and here comes my dad, “Francis take that lipstick off and come in the church.” I got embarrassed because this guy I liked was standing nearby and probably heard my dad. We children practically lived at the church. We went to church on Sundays, all day, Wednesdays and other nights. We even used to walk to church, about ten miles one-way. My twin brother, Fred and I got baptized at the same time.

My best friends were Zola and Annie Littleman. I graduated with Annie and on the last day of school the seniors were allowed to skip school or go to the picnic at our sponsor’s house so I had three years of perfect attendance and began to think why should I be the only one in class so I went to the picnic. There went my perfect attendance! Then I was off to Haskell Institute. At Haskell I typed 150 words per minutes on the old manual typewriters. I just got so tired of Haskell, it was the same old same old classes I had at Thomas High School, so I left after 1-1/2 years to join my parents in California. The superintendent told me I would have to find a job as soon as I got to Los Angeles (LA) and I did the very next day after I arrived. My dad walked around with me in LA and the first place I got hired. It was a steno job and it was a good thing I was good in shorthand. All my typing classes paid off. I worked from day one when I got to LA and I even received my diploma from Haskell. My parents were already in El Monte, Calif. so I got settled. I was very knowledgeable about office procedures and did well on my job.

I worked for the American Red Cross for 25 years and have held a couple of other jobs since retiring from the Red Cross as well. If you are a good worker you can hold a job forever until you retire.

I had a total of three boyfriends during my teen years. One lived in Canton or Seiling and one time at the Canton powwow we were talking under a tree when I saw my parents driving by, I had to find a ride home with my uncle Alex All Runner. My second boyfriend lived in Thomas or Deer Creek. He had a car so he used to drive to see me. Back then when I went on a date I had to take my two sisters with me. My third boyfriend was the best basketball player at Hammon High School. We wrote to each other and he would come to see me in Thomas with a “troop” of guys and with my friend Bertha

Lone Elk at the time. My father was very strict with us girls then and I would sneak out of the house at night but all we did was go to the country to pick plums or some fruit. I used to go with my aunt Minnie and Jessie to see him play basketball in Hammon and at the hand games. I knew we would marry one day but when I went to Haskell Institute I lost contact with him for two years.

One-day, years later, in California, I was walking up the ramp to come home from work and I saw this “swabby” in a Navy uniform walking down the ramp towards me. When we passed each other we both stopped, looked backwards and he came up to me and asked if I was Toni and I said yes, are you Hank Hawk? I took him home to meet my parents and I just kept taking him home until one night we talked too long in my bedroom and the next morning my dad called us in to talk to us. He told us we had to get married because we stayed in the bedroom together. So we went to the courthouse in LA to get blood tests and we got married.

I became Toni All Runner Hawk and we had four children, Hank Hawk Jr., David, Amos and Antoinette. We were married for over 16 years before his death. I have been a widow ever since ... I never remarried and raised my children as a single mother.

I helped organize the CCIM Community Concerned Indian Movement and went to speak with other ethnic groups with problems and to help them out. The CCIM was sort of an activist group. One time we went up to Gov. Reagan’s ranch outside of LA and held a rally for the Chumash Indians fighting for their rights. We were sitting on the grass and Merle Big Medicine said, “Toni don’t say anything, the microphones are right above our heads.” I wore an American flag for my shawl upside down and these white people were staring at us and talking about us like they were afraid of us. I thought why the microphones, we are talking Cheyenne so they don’t know what we are saying anyway. I used to take my mother to all our meetings and rallies. One other time, in the heart of LA we marched from the United American Indian Involvement Center to the Persian Square and held a rally. I spoke about the Native American rights issues and I said at the end I didn’t like John Wayne because in one of his movies he said a good Indian is a dead Indian. You could hear a pin drop because it go so quiet, I was videotaped for the news and again I wore my American flag shawl upside down. You could say I was an activist for our people. CCIUM is still alive today.

My family and I host a powwow for our American Indian children and give out toys and goodies every year at Christmas. This year will be our 33rd year. I had a group come out to our powwow once and had Moses Starr, Eddie Wilson, Craig Hart and his sister as head staff. My aunt Nellie Littleman, Zola and her family and Annie Littleman also came from Sacramento to attend.

I was once voted as Senior of the Year in El Monte, Calif. and got roses from the city for one year. This was when I worked for the southern California Indian Center Senior Program. After that job ended I organized my own senior program, which lasted for two years, then I totally retired. My senior program was called the Native American Urban Seniors of El Monte.

One year I was also in the New Year’s Rose parade. We had a big buffalo float, which was beautiful, and we placed in the Tournament of Roses for the most authentic float. We were all dressed in our full regalia. We were seen all over the world on television ... that was such a fun day.

Sometimes I feel I am the oldest Indian in the LA area because I don’t see too many Native American here anymore, but I don’t know that for sure. I love to Gourd dance and I really loved the Gourd dance at the Colony Labor Day powwow this year ... about 15 songs to a set. My daughter, Antoinette, inspired me to dance. One day she handed me “drops” she made for a belt and then made all my regalia. I made my own boots and moccasins. I have been dancing since.

Today I bead and make moccasins for every one here in LA. I get orders from all over the different states, even from Hawaii and Canada.

I’ve made three buckskin dresses so far. My sister Mary also beads and makes beautiful dresses which she wins the contests with. My oldest sister, Eva used to bead, too and taught the movie stars here how to speak “Indian” for the movies, as did my little sister Mary.

Mary went to Canada with her son, Gilbert, to teach the movie stars the Cheyenne language for the movie, *Last of the Dog Men*. My sister, Eva, taught the movie stars through the series of *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman*. Our whole family from my father Jack, mother Emily and the rest of us we were all in the movie ... a lot of wonderful memories.

You know what I brought to California? The Cake Walk

dance ... and I know we had them at the small dances in Oklahoma but now out here these big powwows have cake-walks! Crazy!

My twin brother Fred and I just had a birthday. Seventy-five years of living ... wow!

I want to say it was such an honor to be asked to be the Head Lady dancer at the Colony Labor Day powwow this year, especially me, an elder. I wish to thank all my relatives who helped me with the give aways and for a place to stay for my small family and me. There are so many I want to thank, my family Davetta, Hank, Antoinette and Amos for helping me get to Oklahoma. Eddie Wilson, my cousin, for speaking for me and also to Gerald Panana, my brother-in-law. Thank you my sister Sharon Kay for doing the give away for me as I didn’t know any of the head staff and for giving my family and I a place to sleep and eat.

Also thank you Freddie All Runner, my nephew, for giving me give away items and the gifts when I brought your daughter Tamora, out into the arena. Also for you and your wife cooking breakfast every morning and providing food all day for us.

Thank you my brother (Chief David “Beans” Magid Jr and wife) for the give aways items and thank you to your sisters and also Sarah for helping me fix my hair for the powwow. Thank you Daniel, my nephew, for dancing with me for the give away. Thank you brother “Duck” All Runner for dancing with me and for the give away items. Thank you to my niece Robyn French for a place to sleep. Every one of you are the greatest family. This was something this elder (myself) will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. This is a special thank you to my niece, Joetta All Runner, from Montana for sending me to this “Life’s Journey” and for the inspiration you brought to me. I will never forget this.

For Rosemary, thank you for putting up with me for being late with this article. May Maheo bless each and every one of you. If I forgot anyone, I am sorry, just know good things will come to you ... thank you.

I also want to especially thank my children, David, Amos, Antoinette and Hank and send my love to all ten of my grandchildren.

The end is almost here from this story from me of my journey thus far ... but the journey continues ... in closing I would like to tell this small story.

Big foot? Who is Big Foot? We kept hearing about Big Foot while we were in Oklahoma and check this out, our mom and us children were visiting our aunt Nellie Thunderbull and her family, who lived by a creek in Deer Creek back in 1947. One night someone or something was knocking all around her small house. Than, whatever it was would hit the house really hard and then began to shake the small house back and forth. All of us children were crying and huddling all together when all of a sudden the noise and shaking just stopped... we didn’t know about Big Foot then ... but could it have been him?



Toni All Runner-Hawk in 1951.

Higher education department welcomes new counselor



Maria Thorpe has been selected as the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education counselor.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Southwestern College in May 2007. Thorpe has a 4 year old daughter, Lilly, who was born three days after she

received her bachelor’s degree and said she is very proud of Lilly.

Thorpe has received orientation on providing college prep workshops by attending the El Reno High School student workshop. She has now began visiting local high schools, including Riverside Indian Boarding School and Oklahoma City schools. As counselor, Thorpe will provide college preparation information to tribal members who are juniors and seniors and hopes to form a one-on-one counselor/student relationship with local students.

Some of the information Thorpe will provide is providing ACT registration test assistance, FAFSA (Free Application for Fed-

eral Student Aid) information, OTAG (Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant) information, included in FAFSA PELL grant, included in FAFSA application, senior high school graduation assistance, concurrent classes information, providing a timeline to assist seniors through graduation and college admission process, i.e., a month-to-month guide for seniors, BIA-Higher Education Scholarship applications and graduation banquet information. She will also be providing counseling services to tribal students to enable them to graduate from high school and enter a post-secondary school.

Thorpe has a great task to accomplish and the education staff welcomes her.



Alicia Gallego, Jasmine Rodriguez and Eddie Rodriguez volunteer for the Clinton playground booth at powwow.

Clinton Playground Project update

The Playground Project committee and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Housing Authority would like to express their gratitude to Clinton Lucky Star Casino for supporting the playground project. They also would like to thank Clinton Lucky Star Casino General Manager, Mr. Ray Barnett, for donating the proceeds of the golf scramble, Mr. James Gallegos, Smoke Shop manager for the LCD TV donation and Mr. Troy Lee of Clinton, Okla. for donating two Pendleton serapes for raffles.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers that have taken their time after work

to attend the meetings and helping with the booths at the powwows. A lot of work goes into planning and volunteering for these fundraisers and everyone’s support is appreciated.

The committee would like to encourage more parents and children to get involved with them. The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 at the Housing Authority, 2100 Dog Patch Road, Clinton, Okla., upstairs in conference room two. Refreshments will be served.

For information about the meeting or volunteering, please contact Damon Dunbar at (580) 323-4877.

Justice Department awards over \$5.7 million to enhance and support tribal justice, safety and youth programs in western Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—U.S. Attorney Sanford C. Coats announced today that grants totaling over \$5.7 million have been awarded to eight Indian tribes in the Western District of Oklahoma to enhance law enforcement practices, sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts and promote youth programs.

These grants are designated in eight purpose areas: public safety and community policing; methamphetamine enforcement; justice systems and alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; violence against women; elder abuse; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

The awards were made to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, **Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes**, Chickasaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation, Iowa Tribe, Ponca Tribe, and Tonkawa Tribe.

These awards were made under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), a single application for tribal-specific grant programs offered by the Justice Department.

Overall, the department today announced grants of \$118.4 million to nearly 150 American Indian and Alaskan Native nations across the country.

“These grants will enhance public safety in tribal communities,” said

U.S. Attorney Sanford C. Coats. “It is critical that we address enforcement of criminal laws, programs designed to prevent crime and re-entry opportunities for those being released from incarceration.”

Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli announced this funding during the department’s 19th annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference in Ignacio, Colo., underscoring the Justice Department’s commitment to enhancing public safety in Indian Country and the importance of a streamlined grant application process for federal funding.

“I am pleased today to announce the Justice Department’s continued investment in programs that offer innovative and comprehensive approaches to public safety and justice in Indian Country,” said Associate Attorney General Perrelli. “Our government-to-government consultations have been critical to our understanding of how to better serve and support our tribal partners. By deepening our engagement with tribal governments, we have sought to help put an end to the unacceptable and sobering crime rates witnessed in Indian Country.”

The department developed CTAS and administered the first round of consolidated grants in September 2010 in

response to shared views of tribal leaders that the department’s grant-making process was too cumbersome and needed increased flexibility.

Today, tribes seeking funding for more than one purpose area can submit a single grant application, instead of multiple applications.

The grants are administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The complete list of the Fiscal Year 2011 CTAS grantees, a CTAS fact sheet and other information about the consolidated solicitation is also available at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov.

Soon after he came into office, Attorney General Holder identified building and sustaining safe and secure tribal nations as one of the Department of Justice’s top priorities. In June of 2009, the department launched a wide-ranging initiative to strengthen public safety in Indian Country.

Since that time, the department has taken a number of steps to deepen its commitment to Indian nations and to develop more effective partnership with tribal leaders, police, prosecutors, courts and advocates to address and combat crime.

Udall scholarships available

Scholarship for students pursuing careers relating to the environment and for Native American and Alaska Native students pursuing careers related to health and tribal policies.

Study sustainability? Excited about environmental justice? If you’re interested in being plugged into a diverse and growing network of environmentally-committed student leaders across the country, you should check out the Udall Scholarship.

The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics.

If you’re committed to applying your education and training directly to solving problems in Indian Country and interested in being plugged into a growing network of Native American student leaders across the country, check out the Udall Scholarship. The Foundation seeks Native American/Alaska Native students pursuing careers related to tribal pub-

lic policy or Native American health care.

Benefits include up to \$5 thousand for educational expenses, meet other Udall Scholars, policy makers and community leaders at the Udall Scholar orientation; access to an active and growing network of alumni who are ready and willing to help with the post-undergraduate transition. Not only is the scholarship invaluable to furthering my education, the orientation is a life changing experience to meet and learn from the next tribal and environmental leaders.

To be eligible for the Udall Scholarship, you must be nominated by your institution’s faculty representative. We recommend getting in touch with yours as soon as possible. To watch the video, find your FacRep, view our eligibility guidelines and find application materials, go to the scholarship section of our Website www.udall.gov.

The application deadline is March 5, 2012. For more information, contact Mia Ibarra at ibarra@udall.gov.

Native Business-No is not forever

Regardless of business, it is people that make it or break it. The most successful business men and women are those that understand “No’s” are the foundation to building stronger bonds.

Winners grow relationships on top of a “No.” No, is an opportunity to reevaluate a business plan and make it better. No, is a chance to gain clarity through feedback and collect information to work smarter.

People that push forward after receiving a “no” build a reputation on tenacity. Opportunity finds tenacious people and lenders want these folks in their portfolio. Remembering “No is not forever” is a good Indian trick when deciding to persevere.

When a lender or investor is approached with an opportunity to lend they often ask a lot of questions to gain an understanding of the business plan.

The first pass of questions tests the borrower on how well they understand where their business is today and how they will

get to where they want to go in the future.

The second and third layers of questions challenge assumptions, surface relevant economic factors and construct performance conditions ... all the while evaluating the borrower’s responses to inquiry. The way a borrower responds is as important as the information they provide. A lender or investor will remember the speed of a response and completeness of information provided.

Business men and women that perform well by keeping cool and providing thorough responses tend to have a higher probability of success in obtaining capital. Other times a turndown is the only result.

It is impressive when a prospective borrower receives a turndown and takes the time to understand what would qualify their business for financing and then re-applies when the time is right.

No is not forever.

By Jim Stanley
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune Correspondent



Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a Senior Vice President of Enterprise Cascadia, a loan fund, and freely shares his knowledge. Jim can be reached at: sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

ZUMBA Fitness Classes
Starting Oct. 4 through Nov. 17, 2011, every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information or to register contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Memorial Dance for Cora Sutton Scabahorse Querdibitty and Georgia Sutton Roberts
Sat. Oct. 8, 2011 at the Native American Center in Canton, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Dance to follow. For more information call Charlene Lime at (580) 886-2490.

Peyote Meeting for Sheldon White Thunder
Oct. 8, 2011 at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Tommy White Thunder at (405) 432-7840 or (405) 329-4051.

Pryor Wellbriety powwow-Celebration of Life
Oct. 8, 2011 at the Mid-American Expo Center in Pryor, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 and 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Free admission. All drums welcome. For more information call Mary Hayes (918) 698-0583, (918) 825-4816.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Indian Alcohol Substance Abuse Project meeting
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 at the Native American Center in Canton, Okla. All tribal programs are invited to attend. For more information contact Johnny “Johnson” Blackowl, coordinator at (405) 422-7659.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Elders Day Out-Halloween Celebration
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 12, 2011 at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Conference Center in Weatherford, Okla. For registration and transportation schedule call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

Legendary Charlie Wilson
Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Lucky Star Casino presents Los Rieleros Del Norte
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Women Cancer Awareness Health Fair
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Sponsored by the CHR program. For more information about the health fair or to be a participant call (405) 422-7670 or (405) 422-7672.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Halloween Carnival
6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. and the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. building in Clinton, Okla. Inflatables, games, costume contest at 7:30 p.m., best decorated pumpkin contest at 8 p.m. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

Snoop Dog in Concert
Oct. 26, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Haunt the Zoo
6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at the Oklahoma City Zoo. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth ages 10 and under. Transportation is not provided. First come, first serve, 200 tickets will be dispersed along with \$5 McDonald meal cards. Adult admission is free - no meal cards for adults. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

The second annual Following the Trail-Native American Men and Boys Conference
Oct. 29, 2011 at the Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church, 17020 E. Tecumseh Rd., Norman, Okla. For more information contact Bryce Scott at (405) 912-0044 or visit www.followingthetrail.net.

Bacone College Fall powwow
11 a.m. Oct. 29, 2011 at the Muskogee Civic Center, 425 Boston St., in Muskogee, Okla. For more information contact Kyle Taylor (918) 360-1085 or by email at taylorlk@bacone.edu.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Zombie Walk
2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 at the north parking lot at the Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla. Water and fruit will be provided for participants. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27670.

Buddy Bond Color Guard Benefit Dance
Nov. 5, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Gourd dance at 7 p.m. For more information contact Alvin Sage at (405) 549-8949.

Stone Temple Pilot Concert
Nov. 5, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

							
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HUD denies Cherokee funding over Freedmen issue

WASHINGTON – The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has released a letter indicating that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is withholding funds from the tribe in an apparent federal power play over tribal sovereignty.

Cherokee Nation Attorney General Diane Hammons has publicly released a letter sent last week from the tribe to HUD that says the tribe learned of the agency’s action when tribal officials tried to draw approximately \$33 million from their HUD housing fund on Aug. 31 and were blocked from doing so.

Hammons writes in the letter that HUD based its rationale on what she labels a “misinterpretation” of Section 801 of the 2008 reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). That section deals with the Cherokee Freedmen and sought to limit HUD monies to the Cherokee Nation while litigation was pending centering on whether the Freedmen were tribal citizens.

The Freedmen, descendants of slaves once held by tribal citizens, have long argued that they should be granted full citizenship. But some tribal citizens, including some tribal leaders, have staunchly argued that it is appropriate for the tribe to deny them citizenship based on rules enforced by the tribal government. Federal beliefs on the matter should have no bearing, tribal officials have argued.

The latest court action involving the controversial issue came Aug. 22 when the Cherokee Nation’s Supreme Court upheld a previous voter-approved constitutional amendment requiring all of the tribe’s citizens to have at least one

Indian ancestor on the federal Dawes Rolls. That decision resulted in nearly 3,000 Freedmen being kicked out of the tribe.

In response, Freedmen members filed suit in federal court last week seeking to establish their voting rights in the tribe in time for a tribal election for principal chief coming up later in September. In court documents, the Freedmen argue that the tribe violated a 145-year-old treaty when the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court restored the voter-approved amendment denying citizenship to non-Indian descendants of tribal citizens’ former black slaves. A hearing on the request has been scheduled for Sept. 20.

Time is of the essence in the matter because the tribal court decision, if allowed to stand, would prevent the Freedmen from voting in a Sept. 24 election between tribal councilman Bill John Baker, who is supported by the Freedmen, and former Principal Chief Chad Smith, who is largely not supported by the Freedmen. The tribal court in July threw out the results of a disputed June 25 election between Baker and Smith in which the Freedmen voted.

Regardless of whether the Freedmen are citizens or not, Hammons argues in the letter that the tribe followed the necessary legal pathway to secure HUD funding. She says, too, that Congress would have specifically limited funds to the Cherokee Nation if it intended to do so under the law.

HUD officials confirmed the denial of funds, issuing the following statement Sept. 7: “HUD has suspended disbursements to the Cherokee Nation

of Oklahoma while we seek additional guidance on an unclear statute involving the Freedmen. The funding can be restored once this issue is resolved.”

HUD’s decision to suspend millions of dollars in payment to a tribe based on an issue involving tribal sovereignty is widely controversial in Indian country. The concern is that federal agencies could create rules that would suspend payments to tribes based on other “unclear” interpretations of federal-tribal agreements.

“[T]he important thing to notice is the direct attack by the non-Indian freedmen descendants on the sovereignty of the Cherokee Nation, asking for the termination of the tribe’s existence,” Hammons said in a statement, which supports the idea of tribal sovereignty being under attack.

Some federal lawmakers, meanwhile, agree with the decision to limit funding.

“I do not believe the federal government should continue to fund the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma if it is blatantly violating the rights of some members,” U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., wrote in a recent letter to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. The congressman asked Donovan to “act appropriately to prevent any funding from the federal government for tribal housing.”

Frank sent another letter to Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior, asking that he “take appropriate action to protect the rights of the Cherokee Freedmen.” Echo Hawk has not publicly responded.

By Rob Capriccioso

BIA takes land into Trust for Osage casinos

By Gale Courey Toensing
Indian Country Today Media Network

The Interior Department’s Bureau of Indian Affairs has taken land into trust on three parcels where the Osage Nation operates casinos.

Osage Nation Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle, Osage Casinos CEO Neil Cornelius and BIA Regional Director for Eastern Oklahoma Charles Head signed off on three land-into-trust applications on Tuesday, August 23, for Osage Casinos in Tulsa, Skiatook and Ponca City, the Nation said in a press release on its website. The applications were approved in July.

Red Eagle welcomed the finalized process. “We are pleased with the work of the Department of Interior and how they expedited the process for us,” he said. “Getting tribal land placed into trust can often take years, so we feel fortunate to have this matter resolved in such a short amount of time.”

The BIA published separate notices of the applications in the Federal Register on July 19. The properties are 27.66 acres, 15 acres, and 7.5 acres. The three gaming facilities operate on land that is within the Nation’s former reservation, but the sites weren’t held

in trust, which raised questions about their legality. Tribal casinos are required to operated on federally recognized reservations or lands that have been placed in trust in states where gambling is legal. Cornelius told Tulsa World that having the land in trust relieves concerns about the casinos’ legality. “At this moment, we have tremendous peace of mind,” he said. “We’ve completely eliminated that fear.” Cornelius said that having the land in trust also ensures that the 600 employees at the three casinos can keep their jobs.

The casinos have been operating since 2005 when the National Indian Gaming Commission approved gaming on the nation’s former reservation land. But that opinion was overturned in 2010 in a lawsuit the nation filed in 2001 against the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Tulsa World reported. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruled that Osage County is not a federally recognized reservation and that tribal members could not be exempt from paying state taxes, the report said. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected the tribe’s appeal in June.



Tribe and state team up

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process has already helped her heal, Altvater is still reconstructing events as memories emerge. She doesn’t know how the state was notified to remove her and her sisters from their mother’s home. “My mother is old and I know my mother suffers a lot and I just want my mother to have the rest of her years....” Altvater says, without completing the thought. “I don’t want my mother to have to deal with this so I’m not going to ask her. It’s too late to ask my two sisters who probably remembered, because they’re gone, but I did contact the state and ask for my records because I wanted to find out why we were removed. Did my mother call the state and say, ‘I can’t take care of them, come and get them’? Or did the state decide they needed to come and take us out of the home? I’ve made two requests already. The state said they can’t find the documents.”

Another recently recovered memory solved the mystery of why the fall season was always so disturbing, Altvater says. “I just found out it was the fall when we were taken away. Recently, with all this [publicity surrounding the TRC], I remembered that when we got to the house the leaves were falling off the trees. All these years I had no idea why I hated the fall.”

A lot of work has led to this point, she says. More than a decade of efforts preceded the signing of the declaration of intent. For 13 years, Altvater and other Wabanaki women worked with a Truth and Reconciliation Convening Group composed of individuals from Maine’s Tribal Child Welfare programs, state Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child and Family Services and staff from the Muskie School of Public Service, American Friends Service Committee and Wabanaki Mental Health Association. She says that taking control of her childhood story has helped in the healing process. “It has been 13 years since I first told my story. I didn’t even know it needed to be told. Since then I’ve learned to feel, care, love and, most of all, strive to become the person the Creator meant for me to be when I was born. Healing is not going to be easy, but it will transform all of us.”

After two decades of work as a social-justice activist for the Wabanaki people of Maine, Altvater was well prepared to take the lead in moving the truth and reconciliation process forward. Altvater works as the Wabanaki program director with the American Friends Service Committee in Perry, Maine, where she advocates for the rights of all Indigenous Peoples. During her 16 years on the job, she has brought together tribes, state workers and communities to confront injustices and promote healing among Maine’s four Wabanaki tribes by holding regular meetings hosted by the Muskie School of Public Service at

the University of Southern Maine. She and other Wabanaki adults who went through the Maine foster-care system as children helped train more than 500 Maine Department of Human Services workers since the Truth and Reconciliation Convening Group formed 13 years ago on complying with the 1978 federal law, the Indian Child Welfare Act, which was passed to reduce the inordinately high number of Native children being sent to live with non-Native families. She has also provided anti-racism and cultural training for Washington County jail guards and the University of Maine System. Altvater is currently a member of the Maine Indian Child-Welfare Coalition and chairs the Wabanaki Criminal Justice Commission, which exposes and addresses issues of racism and abuse in the Maine Criminal Justice System. “Everyone wants to know what the goal of this project is,” she says of the TRC. “For me, it is about healing, education and learning. It is about changing how we do our work so that every child we are responsible to protect is treated with kindness and dignity and given the best we have to offer so they will have a place that is always safe.”

Maine’s rate of placement of Indian children in white homes was 19 times higher than the national average, says Esther Attean, a Passamaquoddy who works with the Muskie School of Public Service, which is facilitating the reconciliation process between Maine’s child-welfare agency and the tribes. After the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act was passed, Maine’s child-welfare agency made improvements, but there were still problems in 1999 when the Truth and Reconciliation Convening Group began. The formal process of reconciliation began in 2008 because child-welfare advocates felt “an invisible wall” was impeding their progress, she said.

The invisible wall surrounding the abuse and neglect of Indian children continues to exist although improvements have been made in the system. One of the difficulties is collecting information, according to a study by the National Indian Child Welfare Association. At best, only 61 percent of the data on abuse and/or neglect of American Indian and Alaska Native children, which often leads to foster care, are reported. The primary investigators of abuse or neglect at the tribal level are the tribes themselves (65 percent), followed by the states (42 percent), the counties (21 percent), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (19 percent) and other sources (nine percent), the report says. It is clear, however, that Indian children are disproportionately represented in foster care compared to their representation in the total U.S. populations: American Indian children make up one percent of the U.S. population, but comprise two

percent of the foster-care population, according to research by the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care.

While Indian foster care has improved greatly in Maine over the past several years, the Maine Tribal-State Child Welfare TRC is expected to accelerate its improvement even more. The agreement will be the first of its kind in the country, Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis said at the signing ceremony. “This is truly a historic event.... This TRC process is unique in that [tribes and the state] have come together with the best interests of Wabanaki children and families at heart. It is a model of collaboration that can be replicated in other areas of tribal-state relations in Maine and has the potential to be a model for other states as well.”

Francis said that many Indian children in foster care were punished for being Native. “They wanted to assimilate them and make Native people [be] like everyone else. The TRC will assure that past atrocities will never happen again and our children have the right to stay Wabanaki and stay connected to that. My hope is this collaboration [from the tribes and state] will serve as a model for how to respect each other and overcome our difference while acknowledging our past.”

Maine’s TRC is driven by three key goals: to create an understanding between the Wabanaki and the state concerning what happened and what is still happening to Wabanaki children in the welfare system; to act on the information revealed during the TRC process to implement changes to improve the system; and to promote healing both among Wabanaki children and their families and the people who administered the abusive system.

LePage, who came to Indian Island for the signing ceremony, spoke about his own childhood, adding a note of empathy to the event. When he was 11 years old, LePage was forced to flee his impoverished home and the abuse he regularly suffered at the hands of his father.

“It’s beyond me to think that, in my case, I chose to leave home,” says LePage. “And to think that somebody would be taken from a home, and think that it could be replaced, is beyond imagination.”

LePage says that the TRC project is “long overdue” and that the signing of the declaration of intent is “an important step to allow the commission to establish its mandate and get to work.” He added that although there have been abuses in the past and “the system has had a negative impact,” the state is now committed “to protecting the rights, dignity and traditions of the tribes” while delivering needed services to all children and families.

Sex offender registration and notification implementation underway

CONCHO, Okla.-In the near future, sex offenders living or working in Cheyenne and Arapaho jurisdiction will have to register as a sex offender with the Tribes.

Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Project Coordinator, Ms. Kimberly Richey and SORNA Project Assistant, Mr. Paul A. Fuentes hosted the first SORNA Advisory Board Meeting 2-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011 at the Native American Church (NAC) Building in Concho, Okla.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Departments such as Communications/IT, Attorney General’s Office, Education, Personnel, Tribal Court, Social Services, and the Lucky Star Casino were among those present.

Mr. Fuentes provided attendees with a brief synopsis of the History of SORNA. Ms. Richey presented on Indian Country and SORNA Implementation. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes SORNA Timeline was discussed highlighting the July 27, 2012 deadline for substantial implementation. How to Check the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry instructions were provided and used to illustrate the appearance of the Tribal registry.

On June 12, 2007, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes signed a Bill electing to participate in the National Sex Offender Regis-

try System approving and authorizing the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to act as a sex offender registry jurisdiction. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes were unlike many Tribes who delegated this authority over to the State to manage and implement SORNA in their jurisdiction.

Sex Offender Registry in Indian Country will have some affect on tribal departments in some form or fashion. Therefore, if you are a director of a tribal program, we cordially invite you to attend the next SORNA Advisory Meeting. If you cannot be present, please send a representative. We look forward to seeing you as your ideas and opinions on how we can enhance SORNA efforts in our tribal communities are valued.

The next SORNA Advisory Board meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Native American Church Building, however, we ask that you RSVP via email at pfuentes@c-a-tribes.org or krichey@c-a-tribes.org before Monday, Oct. 10, 2011 as light refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information about the meeting or SORNA you can reach Kim Richey, Assistant Attorney General at krichey@c-a-tribe.org or Paul Fuentes, Probation Officer at pfuentes@c-a-tribes.org.

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For more information contact Margie Deer at (405) 422-7676 or Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center 801 N.E. 13th Street Oklahoma City, Okla. 73104



Classic Goulash
Cooking with USDA Foods
Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

Ingredients

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 large yellow onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 cups water
- 2 (15 ounce) cans tomato sauce
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons dried Italian herb seasoning
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt, or to taste
- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni

Directions

1. In a large Dutch oven, cook and stir the ground

2. Stir in water, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, soy sauce, Italian seasoning, bay leaves, and seasoned salt, and bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir in the macaroni, cover, and simmer over low heat until the pasta is tender, about 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, discard bay leaves, and serve.

- beef over medium-high heat, breaking the meat up as it cooks, until the meat is no longer pink and has started to brown, about 10 minutes. Skim off excess fat, and stir in the onions and garlic. Cook and stir the meat mixture until the onions are translucent, about 10 more minutes.

BRIEFS

The 2011 American Gaming Association’s Global Gaming G2E Expo

Oct. 4-6, 2011 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.globalgamingexpo.com or call (203) 840-5626.

The 17th annul Tribal Enrollment Conference

Oct. 4-6, 2011 at the Marriott in Boston, Mass. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

The Trail of Hope-The Power of Native American Women Conference

Oct. 7-9, 2011 at Lake Junaluski Conference Center in North Carolina. For more information contact Pam Naplen at (828) 454-6656 or by email at Pnaplen@lakejunaluska.com.

The 2011 Finance Conference for Indian Country

Oct. 12-13, 2011 at the Mohegan Sun Conference Center in Uncasville, Conn. For more information visit www.gamingmeets.com.

Native American Women’s Leadership Training

Oct. 13-14, 2011 at the Tropicana Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.nativeamericanconsulting.com.

The Expanding Role of the Tribal Security Force

Oct. 17-18, 2011 in Norman, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Payroll Tax Management for Tribal Organizations

Oct. 18-19, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Robert’s Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording Secretary

Oct. 19-21, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Fund Reporting for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Oct. 20-21, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National Indian Education Association’s 42nd annual Convention and Tradeshow-Building Alliances to Strengthen Native Education Values

Oct. 26-30, 2011 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.niea.org.

The ninth annual Native American Symposium and Film Festival

Nov. 2-4, 2011 at the Southeastern State University in Durant, Okla. Feature speaker, Dr. Henrietta Mann. For more information or to register visit www.webb.nmu.edu.

Tribal Elections-Ordinances and Procedures

Nov. 15-16, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. Fore more information visit www.dciamerica.com.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday
to our little princess
Aeryn Drelyn Main
Sept. 19
We love you baby, mom,
dad, grandma and cousins
(especially Brady)



Happy 6th Birthday
Jalen Thomas!
Your smile
brightens our day,
Your laughter
fills our hearts,
and we are so happy
to call you our
First born grandson!
Love forever and ever,
Vama, papa, mama, daddy
Aunts, uncles, cousins and
all your friends



Happy Birthday
To my sis Faye
Love JJ and the
rest of the family.

Happy Belated Birthday
Niece Sept. 29
Nita J.
Amanzar
I love
you!!!
Your aunt
Phyl

Happy Belated
Birthday to my sister
Sept. 29
Julia WhiteThunder
Cuz, I miss you,
I know you are in a
btter place. RIP love
your sister
Phyllis

Happy
Birthday
To my
gorgeous
son Sir
Christian Campbell
We love you!!
Mommy, daddy and
your brothers and
sisters.



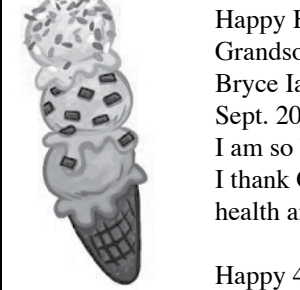
Happy 6th Birthday
Ariel Howlingwolf
Oct. 4
We love you very much
Love mama, daddy,
grandma, Aiyauna, Trinity,
new baby brother Asa IV,
and Sharee.



Happy Birthday
To the greatest dad
and grandpa!!
Thank you for your
tender ways, wise words
and gentle hugs.
We all love you!!
Love your family.

Happy
Birthday
Wishes!!
Lestarza
FourHorns,
5 yrs. Oct. 6

William Whitlow Oct. 7
Jerilyn M. Longknife Oct. 8
Yoda Whitlow / Cheryl
Stafford Oct. 11
Daniel Toski Davis Oct. 16
Kaycee June Hatten Oct. 25



Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to my
Grandson,
Bryce Ian (Longknife) Black
Sept. 20
I am so blessed to have you in my life,
I thank God Everyday for your life,
health and safety.

Happy 4th Birthday Brycie!
Love grandma Christine

September Birthday Wishes!!
Ella Katherine Morton, Sept. 9
Bryce Ian Longknife Black
Sept. 20, 4 years old
Jacob Siah Long Sept. 20, 8 years old
Alexander Cameron Hatton Sep. 20
Livia FourHorns Sept. 22, 3 years old
Leah Michelle Davis, Sept. 24
May you be blessed with many more!!
Love you all.



Gwynn Edwina Jim
died September 22, 2011
in Colbert, Okla.
She was 61 years old, in a nursing home
dying of complications from diabetes.
Her last days were spent in hospice care.
The Department of Enrollment requested her remains
brought to Concho Thursday, September 29th from Colbert,
Oklahoma. A small graveside service was provided to honor
Miss Jim's life, as we bury her among her
Cheyenne and Arapaho people.



Happy 6th Birthday
Arionna
You came to me,
uniquely you.
What a perfect gift
God gave away.
You bring me joy and
pure delight.
My heart is with you
every moment,
wherever you may go.
Have a wonderful birthday
my precious baby girl!!!
I'll always love you so,
momma.
Oct. 4
Happy Birthday
"Booger Butt"
Your cosmic energy
makes us laugh.
Love you, from your big
sisters-Paige, Payton and
Becka Mae.



Happy 18th Birthday to the
most amazing daughter.

Happy 28th
Birthday
Oct. 8
Butch Thomas
Herndon
Love always Kimberly



Happy 9th Birthday
Oct. 29
Christina Wabaunasee
With love from papa
Michael, grandma Mary,
Grandma Una, mother
Regina, brother Joey.



Happy 28th Birthday
De "DEBO" Tallbear
Because you're someone
very special brother.
It's so nice to have
this chance.
To wish you he best of
everything a whole year
in advance.
Happy Birthday Brother!!
Love you always,
Margaret and TM
Blaine, Brandy, Baylee and
Tori, dad, mom, Jeanie,
Andrea, Macey, Little,
Mayella, Mitchell

Happy
Belated
Birthday
Brian Keith
Thunderbull
Sept. 22
From your whole big family
Love your whole big family

Happy Birthday
To my second son Trillion
Dunbar
From daddy with love.

Daddy misses you all!
Trillion, Tre "D", Jody,
Damon Dunbar
aka Bar-knone
Big love and respect.

Happy
Birthday
Rob Russell
and
many more!

From your
favorite girls!!



Happy 2nd Birthday
DoreneAllyn WhiteHorse!!!
I had imagined what
having a daughter would
be like and you are
way more anything
I had ever expected!
Everyday that goes
by you amaze me!
You are loved in so many
ways by so many people!
You make me so proud!
You are a wonderful big
sister and couldn't have
asked for more!!!
Love you so much,
Mama, BrylonLee, and
all the rest of the family!!!



Happy Birthday
To "two of
Lucky Star's finest"
Haifa and Selda!!
Love your friends at
Lucky Star Casino.

Happy Birthday
To our lil
princess Joie
Campbell
We love you,
mommy,
daddy and
your brothers and sisters



Betty,
On this side of Heaven
it is impossible to see
any good in the trials
and troubles of life.
However faith allows us
to see the pain
and sorrows.
I pray Maheo guides
and watches over you.
Until I return to my Heaven,
Happy Birthday
and many blessings.
Big love, Jarvis D928



Happy 9th Birthday!!
You are such a special girl.
Daddy misses you and
loves you very much!!
All my love



Happy 1st Birthday
Julius William Yazzie
"Swift Hawk"
Oct. 1
We love you with
all our hearts!
From your dad in
heaven, Janathan
Yazzie, mom Shayla,
GG-ma Wilma,
grandpa Joe, uncles,
Tadpole, Sage, Adeas
and "Gpa" G

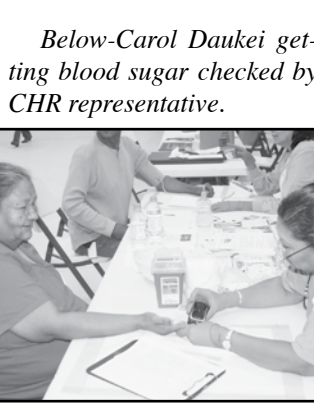


Happy 25th Birthday on
Oct. 6 to one of my besties!
Love ya Noodles!

Informational Health Fair



Above- Joyce Storm
smiles about her new
booster seat.



Below-Carol Daukei get-
ting blood sugar checked by
CHR representative.



Above-Bobbie Ham-
ilton enjoys a relaxing
massage given by Astrud
Ray.

On Sept. 22, 2011 an Informational Health Fair was sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Department. Tribal members that attended the fair were able to get free dental checks, flu shots, health screenings, blood sugar levels checked and even get safety child car seats. A one-mile fun walk, door prizes and healthy snack foods were also part of the health fair.

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to:
Personnel Department P.O. Box 167 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag@c-a-tribes.org

**Teacher-Child Development
On-Call-Clinton
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age. Have a high school diploma or GED certification. Or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Transit Drivers II
On Call-3 Positions
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Teacher Aide
Head Start-Concho
Closing Date: Continuous**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Highschool diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Dietitian-RD/LD
Wellness Center, Concho, OK
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma Drivers License and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Must submit writing sample if successfully selected for an interview. Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI Background Check.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Teacher Aide
Head Start-Clinton
Closing Date: Continuous**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

**CHR Reps
El Reno, Concho, Calumet,
Kingfisher, Watonga area,
Thomas, Weatherford, Clinton,
Hammon/Elk City
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribes' insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition with proof of TB skin test and other immunizations. Must pass basic CHR and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or GED certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Must be able to utilize computer and email system. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Must follow Tribal policies and procedures. Must be dependable with regular attendance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Grants & Contracts
Technician
Procurement, Grants &
Contracts Office
Closing Date: Oct. 3, 2011**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must have two years experience in grants and contracts administration or similar field. High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Dependable transportation and valid Oklahoma driver's license required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Administrative Assistant, JOM
Education Building
Closing Date: Oct. 3, 2011**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Two years work experience in a clerical position. Knowledge of general office ethics and procedures. Knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures and use of spreadsheets. Proficiency in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Typing skills of at least 45 words per minute. Computer literate a must. May be required to work other than normal working hours during peak periods. Must be able to attend conferences, trainings or meetings as required by JOM. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Ability to relate with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**House Parent
Emerg. Youth Shelter
Closing Date: Continuous**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. required with preference given to post secondary training in the following related fields, child development, nutrition, culinary arts and psychology. One year experience working in situations related to children. Must be able and willing to work alternating shifts on weekends, nights and holidays. Must retain a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record. Must pass criminal record check. Must have a telephone or cell phone at place of residence. Three current letters of references required. Current TB skin test or chest x-ray and pass complete physical examination.

SALARY: Negotiable



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Host/Hostess 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.	Part Time Shuttle Driver CDL preferred
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Security 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Drop / Count Team 5:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m

Word Puzzle - Cheyenne Language - Numbers

N	O	K	A	D	E	N	E	X	A	P
T	A	D	F	I	K	N	O	R	Q	T
N	B	H	M	O	P	D	X	Z	U	V
E	W	B	A	D	F	H	J	L	O	R
V	X	A	C	E	G	H	I	K	N	U
A	N	O	H	O	N	A	C	F	H	M
N	A	E	S	O	H	T	O	H	A	B
E	V	N	A	N	O	H	T	O	H	A
S	M	O	P	R	S	U	A	D	M	O
O	A	C	S	O	O	H	T	O	H	A
H	B	F	J	N	N	P	Q	T	U	W
T	M	A	H	T	O	H	T	O	H	A
O	B	Q	W	E	R	T	U	V	I	P
H	A	S	D	F	G	U	J	I	L	M
A	Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	E	P	R

Word:	Means:	Word:	Means:
nó'ka	1	naesóhtôhá	6
nexa	2	nésôhtohá	7
na'ha	3	na'nóhtohá	8
neva	4	sóohtohá	9
nóhona	5	mâhtóhtohá	10



Mabel Ogden
June 15, 1937-
Sept. 19, 2011

Wake services were held for Mabel Ogden on Friday, Sept. 23, 2011 at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church in Watonga, Okla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Oakwood Gym in Oakwood, Okla. followed by an Interment at the Oakwood Memorial Cemetery.



Melinda Hicks
May 17, 1951-
Sept. 13, 2011

An all night wake service was held for Melinda Hicks on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 at the Oakerhater Episcopal Church in Watonga, Okla.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 20 also at the Oakerhater Episcopal Church followed by an Interment held at Kingfisher City Cemetery in Kingfisher, Okla.

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
)
JUSTUS R. HUSLEY)
DOB: 06/01/00) Case No: PG-2011-0046
JAYCE A. SMITH)
DOB: 07/25/03)
A Minor Child)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ROSE E. SMITH

You are hereby notified that Robbin Campbell has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Justus R. Husley and Jayce A. Smith, minor children, and that on August 24, 2011, the petitioner, Robbin Campbell was granted guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.

Maria C. Reyes
Maria C. Reyes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Robbin Campbell
P.O. Box 192
Alone, OK 73716

CUT OUT AND MAIL BACK

TRIBAL TRIBUNE NEEDS YOUR HELP-THANK YOU!

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune is currently filing an application for non-profit status with the United States Post Office. This status will reduce the cost of mailing the *Tribal Tribune* to \$.10/per issue/per mailing ... a savings of over \$25,000/per year. In order to complete this application we need 2000 subscribers to return the form below to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune, PO Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022, as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who sent in the form ... we appreciate your help. We still need over 1,000 more to move on to the second phase of the application process!!!

I have requested to have the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune mailed to me as a tribal member.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Sage Lambull believes in giving it his best, whether in sports, in class or in life itself.

Sophomore cross country runner, Sage Lambull, strives for his team at El Reno High School. On Friday Sept. 16, 2011 Lambull participated in the Varsity Boys Cross Country meet held at Mitch Park in Edmond, Okla. “Running keeps me busy,” Lambull said. “I run two to three miles a day to keep a good weight.” Lambull, Cheyenne and Arapaho, is the son of Michael and Sara Lambull. He has three younger brothers, Tommy, Marcus and Blake. He gave up his ten years of playing football to focus on cross country running. “I broke two of my running records last year,” Lambull said. Lambull said he has a passion for running and wish-

es he would of started running earlier in his life. “When I started on the 8th grade track team, I won every race that year,” Lambull said. He said he had a coach who saw him running one day and asked him to run with the varsity boys’ team. “I kept up with all of them,” Lambull said. “I also broke two conference records that year.” He expressed if he could change one thing in the world it would be to stop drugs and alcohol use. “I like to run, I do not like drugs,” Lambull said. He said he wants to speak to others and share with them how he sees drug addiction. “Drugs are just breaking down everybody, our people,” Lambull said. “I will stay away from drugs and alcohol, for myself and my brothers.” Lambull said his father is his mentor and the one person he looks up to. “He pushes me to be my best, he might get upset with me when I mess up, but I understand when he does. He is just making me a better person,” Lambull said. Lambull also plays point guard on the El Reno High School basketball team and plays soccer in the Spring.



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